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STUDY ON TRANSPORTATION BY RITES .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Planning Commission has asked Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. to conduct a study on transportation as reported in the Financial Express dated July 5, 2006;

(b) If so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reasons therefore;

(c) The present traffic flow in all the mechanised modes of transportation along with the cost; and

(d) The time by which the RITES is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b) & (c): Details regarding present traffic flows in all the mechanized modes of transportation along with the cost are not available. The ongoing Total Transport System Study will generate traffic flows covering the four major mechanized modes of transport − railways, highways, airways and shipping and also forecast mode-wise traffic demand for specified horizon years upto 2025-2026. The Study will also help to analyze inter-modal transport resource costs and determine optimal inter modal mix.

(d): RITES is likely to submit its report by mid 2007.